

February 25, 2012

Mr. Scott Nelson
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Mail Code 2254A
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460
Attn: Import-Export Program
Robert G. Heiss, Director

RE: Annual report for Hazardous Waste exports for 2012

Dear Mr. Scott Nelson:

Please find attached our report of hazardous waste exports for 2012. Please find below our statement concerning our efforts at waste minimization.

F006 waste is metal in their most elemental form, a metallic hydroxide. This waste cannot be rendered less toxic, as it is not very toxic to begin with. When we remove regulated metals from our wastewater we generate F006. We have employed many techniques to prevent metals from entering our wastewater, such as Ion Exchange, air-agitated counterflow and static rinses. In fact we have been so successful in this that we have reduced our water usage. We recycle 50% of our plating rinse waters and chemicals by returning them to the process tanks. The vast majority of the F006 waste generated is the residue of the treatment chemicals (calcium chloride, sodium hydroxide, ferric sulfate, etc.). If waste water regulations become stricter and with the new regulations on air discharges, demanding the installation of air scrubbers, we expect our volume of F006 to increase. We have limited our use of sodium hydroxide and made use of simultaneous carbamate and trimercapto sulfide precipitation, thereby reducing the weight and volume of the F006. Our waste minimization team has ascertained that the only direct way to reduce our F006 any further would be to reduce our production levels and terminate many employees.

During 2012 we made no Exported Shipments of hazardous waste as our production requirements were significantly reduced due to lack of business and we have used a Domestic Waste Recycler.

We hope that this letter fulfills the requirements for 40 CFR.262.56.

Very truly yours,

Gary Paul President

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## **ANNUAL REPORT OF HAZARDOUS WASTE EXPORTS FOR 2012**

PRIMARY EXPORTER

Name: Paul Decorative Products, Inc.

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City: Louisa State: Virginia Zip: 23093

Site Address: 195 Duke Street

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2. CONSIGNEE

Name: Stablex Canada Inc. Address: 760 boul. Industriel

Blainville, Quebec J7C 3V4

EPA ID No.: NYD980756415

TRANSPORTER No. 1: Name: Transport Rollex Limitee

EPA ID No.: NYF006000053

TRANSPORTER No. 2: Name: Les Soudures Chagnon Ltee

EPA ID No.: NYD986909752

4. WASTE INFORMATION

N/A

SHIPPING INFORMATION

Number of shipments during the Calendar Year: 0 Total Volume of this waste shipped: 0 Tons

6. WASTE MINIMIZATION STATEMENT ATTACHED



## CERTIFICATION

I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.

Signed: Date: 2/25/13

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